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SUBJ: STATUS OF KUWAITI INTEREST IN US MILITARY AIRCRAFT

1. DURING MY TALK WITH MINFINANCE AND OIL ATEEQI AUG 5 WE GOT ON TO SUBJECT OF UPCOMING GOK FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS, AND I OBSERVED IN PASSING THAT ONE OF GOK'S BIG NEW ITEMS WAS MILITARY EXPENDITURES. ATEEQI AGREED. REFERRING TO THE 100 KUWAITI AIR FORCE TRAINEES NOW IN CONUS, HE SAID HE EXPECTED THAT IN DUE COURSE GOK WOULD BE ASKING US FOR ADVANCED MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING EXCHANGE WAS IN LIGHT VEIN BUT IT BEARS OUT OUR BELIEF THAT MINDEF SHAIKH SAAD NOT ONLY HAS POSSIBLE KUWAITI PURCHASE OF ADVANCED US AIRCRAFT UNDER CONSIDERATION HIMSELF BUT HAS ALSO DISCUSSED SUBJECT IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THUS DESPITE RECENT KUWAITI PURCHASE OF FRENCH F-1S, THERE IS STILL AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT KUWAITIS HAVE NOT RPT NOT LOST INTEREST PERMANENTLY IN PURCHASE OF US MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF ONE TYPE OR ANOTHER. REACTIVATED KUWAITI INTEREST MAY NOT BE DELAYED MUCH BEYOND RETURN OF PRESENT CROP OF US-TRAINED CADETS TO KUWAIT.
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